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1. THE GERMAN COMPANY FOR THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL ELEMENTS (DWK) AND THE FRENCH COMPANY COGEMA HAVE SIGNED A NEW FIVE YEAR CONTRACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE INTERMEDIATE STORAGE AND THE SUBSEQUENT REPROCESSING OF 1705 TONNES OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL FROM GERMAN REACTORS FOR THE PERIOD 1980 TO 1984 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF DM 2.5 BILLION.

2. DWK OFFICIALS COMMENTED THAT THE COMPANY HOPED THAT
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THIS WOULD BE THE LAST FOREIGN REPROCESSING CONTRACT TO BE MADE, PRIOR TO THE OPERATION OF ITS OWN INTEGRATED NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTER AT GORLEBEN (REF B). THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE COST OF DM 2.5 BILLION WAS ENORMOUS COMPARED TO THE ESTIMATED TOTAL INVESTMENT OF DM 4.5 BILLION FOR THE GERMAN NATIONAL REPROCESSING CENTER. THE TIME SCHEDULE FOR GORLEBEN

PROVIDES FOR THE ENTRANCE POOLS OF THE CENTER TO BE READY BY 1985, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SOME 3,000 TONNES OF SPENT FUEL PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 1500 TONNES TO BE STORED AT AN INTERMEDIATE STORAGE FACILITY, ALSO TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT GORLEBEN.

3. DWK REVEALED LITTLE DETAIL ON THE NEW CONTRACT. THE 1705 TONNES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT WILL BE REPROCESSED SOMETIME BETWEEN 1985 AND 1990 IN THE NEW FACILITY, COGEMA-UP-3, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO START OPERATION IN THE MID-EIGHTIES AND WHICH WILL REPROCESS EXCLUSIVELY FOREIGN SPENT FUEL ELEMENTS. THE DWK-COGEMA CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR THE TAKE-BACK OF THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE BY THE FRG. FINAL DISPOSAL OF THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FRG GOVERNMENT, WHILE THE INTERMEDIARY STEPS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITIES.

3. THIS NEW CONTRACT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRG ENERGY POLICY, SINCE SUCH "PROOF OF THE SAFE MANAGEMENT OF THE SPENT FUEL ELEMENTS" IS A PREREQUISITE FOR FURTHER LICENSING OF NUCLEAR REACTORS IN THE FRG (REF A). SINCE THE EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IS PROCEEDING MORE SLOWLY THAN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED, NO MORE BOTTLENECKS IN WASTE MANAGEMENT ARE ANTICIPATED IN THE COMING YEARS, ASSUMING THE CON-

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STRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CENTER AT GORLEBEN IS REALIZED AS PLANNED. STOESSEL

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